Levy on computers

2997. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister had justified the levy on computers in his last budget speech on the ground that the industry had arrived and was healthy and vigorous;

(b) if so, whether the Department of Electronics has issued a statement which was published in the Financial Express of the 1st July, 1987, specifically saying that the Indian computer hardware industry was at a nascent stage; and

(c) what are the reasons for contradictions in the statements made by the Prime Minister and the Department of Electronics and whether Government now propose to issue a final statement on the progress made by the computer manufacturing industry in India so far and its future prospects, particularly with respect to exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Department of Electronics has issued no statement for publication in the Financial Express of 1st July, 1987.

(c) In view of the above, the question does not arise.

Failure analysis of ASLV launch

2998. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the reasons for the recent failure of India's ASLV at Sriharikota have been established;

(b) whether it was a technical or human failure; if the latter, whether responsibility of the person or persons concerned has been determined;

(c) what has been decided about the launch of the latest INSAT after the series of failures of the Challenger, Atlas and Ariana rockets which were put in orbit;

(d) whether and to what extent space projects figured in the recent agreement on science and technology signed in Moscow between Shri Rajiv Gandhi and Shri Mikhail Gorbachev; and

(e) what progress has been made in setting up a space centre in India, based on the offer made by the Soviet Union during Shri Mikhail Gorbachev's visit to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) The Failure Analysis Committee (FAC) has confirmed that the failure of the mission is due to the non-ignition of the first stage at 48.5 sec. after lift off. The FAC has, therefore, focussed efforts towards the identification of the causes for the malfunction of the ignition system of the first stage. An exhaustive list of thirtyseven possible failure modes was identified and after a detailed investigation of all these modes, the FAC has ruled out the possibility of occurrence of any of these failure modes. After a thorough analysis of all the flight data and extensive simulation studies, the FAC has

concluded that the non-ignition of the motor could only be explained by

(1) Inadvertent short circuit in both the ignition circuits; or

(2) Inadvertent electrical open circuit in both the ignition circuits; or

(3) Random malfunction of Safe/Arm device.

Since the failure is of random nature, it is not possible to choose and pinpoint a single component as the cause of failure out of the above three small components. Hence the reliability aspects of each of the three components have been looked at and further measures recommended to ensure reliable performance of the three components involved for future flights. No human failure is involved.

(c) The launch of INSAT-IC, the next INSAT Satellite after INSAT-IB, is slated for a June 1988 launch by an Ariane launcher. The launch of INSAT-ID will be around April 1989 using the US Delta launch vehicle.

(d) The Space projects that figure in the agreement on Science & Technology, signed in Moscow between USSR and India relate to microwave remote sensing launching of Indian Remote Sensing Satellite series and material processing and other space science experiments.

(e) Since various details are under study/discussion, it is too early to give any indication of progress.

Adult movies on T.V.

2999. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any letter from the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for not telecasting adult movies over the T.V.; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Excise evasion by Reliance Industry

3000. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Excise Deptt. found evasion of excise duty over Rupees one crore by M/s. Reliance Industry in its major plant at Ahmedabad recently; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken against M/s Reliance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A show cause notice has already been issued to the company on 23.7.1987 for evasion of duty of Rs. 1.17 crores. The case is under departmental adjudication. Simultaneously a criminal complaint has also been filed in the Court of Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Ahmedabad, against the company and six of its employees executives.

Memoranda on Corruption in State Bank of Patiala

3001. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any Memoranda on rampant